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Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" May I know why the public are not allowed to bathe at the other falls and at the Chittaruvi fall ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—" Because they are all in the interior of the reserve forests and damage may be done to these reserve forests if free access is given to the public, i.e., the bathers."

General

Alleged arrest of young boys at Madanapalle for collecting subscriptions to picketing.

* 599 *Q.*—Mr. C. R. Parthasarathi Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether several young boys were charged before the Joint Magistrate of Madanapalle about August 1931 for obtaining subscriptions for picketing;

(*b*) whether a vakil of the Madanapalle Bar was also charged before the Joint Magistrate of Madanapalle as an abettor along with them for having issued an appeal on their behalf to help them;

(*c*) whether a similar set of volunteers at Piler was charged under section 420, I.P.C., for having collected subscriptions in Piler for picketing;

(*d*) whether a local contractor of Piler was also charged under sections 109 and 420, I.P.C., for having issued an appeal on their behalf;

(*e*) whether any person complained to any of the authorities of having been cheated;

(*f*) if not, who charge-sheeted the young boys and had them remanded to custody and for what ostensible reason;

(*g*) whether the District Magistrate sanctioned the prosecution;

(*h*) whether circulars were issued to treat picketing as political offences by the District authorities or by anybody else;

(*i*) whether the cases were thrown out by the Joint Magistrate of Madanapalle in September 1931; and

(*j*) whether the Government will be pleased to give the reason why they were kept in custody by the police especially when the boys were quite young?

A.—The Government have no detailed information and have called for it.

Legislative Council

Eligibility of the Deputy President of the Legislative Council to draw daily allowance.

* 600 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Deputy Presidents of the Legislative Council in former years have been drawing daily allowance for the sittings of the Council; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the negative, whether it is a fact that the present Deputy President has been allowed to draw daily allowance?

A.—(*a*) M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur P. Kesava Pillai Avargal, C.I.E., drew daily allowance for attending the meetings of the Legislative Council while he was Deputy President of the first and second Legislative Councils. Mrs. S. Muthulakshmi Reddi did not draw daily allowance while she was Deputy President.

(*b*) The present Deputy President has been permitted to draw daily allowance.

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti:—"May I know, Sir, whether the hon. the Deputy President sent up a bill for drawing an allowance ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"The case was brought to the notice of the Government by the Secretary of the Legislative Council."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti:—"May I know, Sir, having regard to the retrenchment that is going on, whether it is necessary that the hon. the Deputy President should be allowed daily allowance along with his pay ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"The Government have very recently decided the question, Sir, and no further action is needed."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti:—"May I know whether this matter is receiving the attention of the hon. the Finance Member ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Mahomed Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"I think the hon. the Finance Member has also seen the case.

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UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Industries

Scholarships awarded for study in the Bombay Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute.

601 *Q.*—Pandit Ganala Ramamurti: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) if any scholarships have been recently awarded for study in the Bombay Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute;

(*b*) if so, how many of these scholarships were granted and to what communities the scholarship-holders belong; and

(*c*) whether there are any Viswabrahmanas in that list?